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REMARKS

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1. On 1 December 1953, 29 trucks 25X1 wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen at Cantonment No 1 in Kaisersteinbruch (P 48/X 67). Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced gymnastics. A mobile air target device was observed at the installation. About 30 trucks and six model M-1938 122-mm field howitzers were on the hill east of the cantonment. On the northern slope of the hill, eight soldiers trained at mortars whose size could not be identified. Only Cantonment No 2, seemed to be almost unoccupied except for some soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets.¹
2. On 28 November 1953, officers and soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia entered or left the former Pioneer Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30), which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets and was surrounded by a board fence.

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tanks and 16 motor vehicles of unidentified models were observed ^{Eight} the garages. Twelve trucks and 5 jeeps were in the courtyard. About 50 soldiers carrying rifles and spades received combat training on the drill ground southeast of the former engineer ordnance office.²

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1. Comment. The six 122-mm howitzers observed east of the camp are believed to belong to the 32d Gds How Arty Regt of the 13th Gds Mecz Div which is assumed

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in Kaisersteinbruch. The air target device observed in the cantonment tends to indicate that the 2500th AAA Bgt, which is also assigned in Kaisersteinbruch, is still stationed there. The unit of the mortars observed cannot be identified.

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2. Comment. Units stationed at Klosterneuburg include elements of the 46th Gds Recz Bgt quartered in the former Pioneer Kaserne, the 8th Gds Engr Bn quartered in the northwestern section of this installation, and other elements of the 46th Gds Recz Bgt quartered in the former engineer ordnance office.

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